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Africa is a land of many tongues. The Bible has now been translated into thirtysix of the languages and dialects of

The new steel cuirass, which covers the breast only, has been introduced into the Austrian army, and the designer of it claims that it is impossible for a bullet projected by any rifle known to modern warfare to penetrate it. Another advantage which it possesses over any other similar piece of armor, and one which even a non-military mind can appreciate, is that it is so jointed that it can be folded up and packed away in au an ordinary knapsack with other portions of the soldier's kit, and without taking up an excessive amount of room.

The San Francisco Chroniele declares "The fact that over five million dollars was paid out to redeem the trade dollars has come out in a queer fashion. When the job was being put through it was declared that the amount of trade dollars still affoat was comparatively insignificant. A million dollars was represented at the outside figure. Of course there was no way of disproving the assertion at the time, but there was a shrewd suspicion that it was not true. Now we have the facts, and they show that the syndicate which managed the deal must have made about a million dollars, perhaps more. There was never a more unblushing fraud perpetrated. The trade dollars were never worth more than the bullion contained in them, and it is not true that any considerate number was in circulation."

John O. Doyle, who has charge of a reservation in Indian Territory, says the Indian women are as great sticklers for fashions as any dame of a Parisian boulevard. This year nothing but a pea-green umbrella or parasol will suit the squaws, and the bucks will have nothing but blue umbrellas. Every Indian squaw and buck is so equipped, and the effect is quite brilliant. Last year nothing but red, white and blue umbrellas were in requisition, and this year the Indian traders got in a big supply of the variegated sun protectors, but the Indians would not have them and green and blue had to be supplied as the fishionable colors. It is the same way as to calicoes. One season one print prevails and a whole tribe is dressed in it, the men shirted and the women petticoated, and the next season the same gaudy colors and figures | riod of prosperity that may soon eclipse are looked upon with disgust-

A current news note says that thirteen per cent. of all the deaths in the German

army last year were from suicide. It is proposed to restore the rar southity Will Help Us. west to fertility by letting the waters of

the Gulf of California into the Colorado Earner. The Philadelphia Press avers that the

past fifteen years have seen \$2,800,000,-000 of railroad property sold out under While the population of Ireland is declining, that of Scotland shows a con-It will cost \$9,478,547 to run the City the rate of \$11 for every man, woman The Maine Farmer makes this suggestion: Set the tramps at work repairing the roads in payment for their lodging. They have done their share toward wearing out the roads and have an interest in keeping them in good condition. But pay them fair wages to encourage them The work of securing the trade of con-The San Francisco Chronicle considers that Lieutenant Finley's scheme to insure fruit and crops in California against the northers is a good one. If insurance companies find profit in guaranteeing Mississippi valley farmers against damage by cyclones, they certainly ought to In Iowa no gas works or electric-light plants may be established by any city or town, until a majority of the legal voters.

thereof, at a general or special election, submitted to a vote at any general election, or at any election especially called fair way of practical demonstration.

the use of narcotics has increased, laments a few hundred dollars. Frank Leslie's, that an institution is about to be erected in Brooklyn for the each year than is generally demanded ole treatment of victims of the morphine is annual payments on moderately and cocaine habit. Dr. J. B. Mattison, priced houses. But the first payment is who has devised a unique method of where the stick comes, and this has cure, is at the head of the movement to always been an obstacle until quite rebuild the Brooklyn Home for Habitues, the first institution of its kind in the United States, and which it is proposed to devote exclusively to the treatment of the victims of narcotics. Arrangements have been made for the care of twelve free patients, while others will be obliged to pay. An endowment fund of \$60,000 for the free wards is now being successfully raised, and the home will be erected during the ensuing summer. The Chicago Post observes: A story

suggesting the Hon. Joseph Mulhatton at his best comes to us from glorious Colorado. It tells of a young English lady, accomplished and beautiful, of course, who, while out sketching the magnificent pictures of nature, was surrounded by fifty head of wild cattle. They moved toward her threateningly, the finished romancist goes on to state, and, at a loss to know what else to do, the fair girl braced herself and began to sing in sweet, pure, soulful tones the soldier's chorus from "Faust." Upon this, according to the vivacious narrator, the animals, one after another, charmed by the delicious music, began quietly to graze and the brave young woman "walked through them" without being molested. While admiring her intrepid feat of walking through wild cattle, one cannot but wonder how the fierce animals would have treated her had she selected Wagner music for the

While the South is making such notable progress, Mexico has awakened from her long slumber, notes the New York News, and is working out her manifest destiny. For generations that country has dwelt in idleness and its vast natural wealth has been left untouched. Under the wise administration of President Diaz, however, a new era has been begun and a wonderful change is taking place, both politically and morally, among the people. Native genius has suddenly become active. The Government is inviting immigration. Capital is flowing in to aid domestic industries and the State is making judicious provision for the education of the masses. Improved financial legislation is doing much to establish the present constitutional Government upon a solid and popular basis. Railroads are penetrating comparatively unknown regions, yet among the richest in the republic, and we read of great setdements of Mormons, prosperously engaged in agriculture, with a soil around them so fertile that it needs to be only "tackled with a hoe to laugh with a harvest." In brief, growth is going on at a rate which indicates that the land of the Montezumas is on the eve of a peits legendary grandeur.

BOSTON LETTER.

The Business Outlook--Reciproc-

Homes For the Frugal Wage-

Boston is just now without anything of a particularly startling character to chronicle, and there does not seem to be anything in the near future likely to disturb the midsummer quiet. Everybody is off to the summer resorts, and business is practically suspended, except in such branches as cannot be suspended without suspending the functions of ife. About the first of next month, however, the wheels of commerce will be set in motion with renewed vitality and force, and all bands will be ready to improve the splendid opportunities which the outlook for the coming fall promises. I hear of an unusual number of new enterprises in industrial lines, and it would not be surprising to see nearly all the manufacturing plants which have been idle for years throughout New England springing into active use before the opening of the new year. tiguous countries goes bravely on, and already Spain and Brazil have practically opened their ports to our products on the reciprocal terms proposed by the United States. There has been much exaggeration by politicians in regard to the amount of this trade which we have enjoyed all along, so there need be no disappointment if the volume of trade under the new conditions is not so great as some have been led to believe. There will be a perceptible increase in the matter of shoes, rubber goods, etc., with the Spamsh nation, while it is expected that Brazil's demands will be largely in the shape of machinery, tools, and our improved agricultural imple-

I have often thought that there might be some way devised whereby a certain and numerous class of our population might be helped to homes on such terms as they were able to comply with, and I believe that such a plan is now in a Almost every mechanic, clerk or other wage-earner could and would pay for a home if he could only meet the It is a revelation of the extent to which necessary first payment

> there are comparatively few who are not paying in the shape of rent more Boston are working out an idea which promises to overcome this hindrance to home owning, and have gone so far with the project as to commence operations on a small scale. The organzation is known as the Home Assistance Society, and its plan is to issue a bond guaranteeing the strict performance of its part of the contract, the surety being in a sum sufficient to make everything good. But a small payment of \$5 or more is required down, and thereafter in instalment each month, which will bring the payments made up to about the same as rent. I don't know how the scheme will work, but it seems to me possible, as all the society is aiming at is to secure the usual rate of interest, and six per cent, is an investment capitalists will jump at any time, and es-

pecially when the security offered is real estate. Pain's Pompeii, it seems, did not prove a paying venture, and Vesuvins will not longer belch forth its liquid lava to admiring thousands. I think Mr. Pain made a mistake when he placed the admission at 50 cents, and the reduction to 25 cents was not made in time to retrieve his fortune. The spectacle was a good one, but people seem loath to part with a half dollar nowadays for shows of that character.

We are not often startled by the reports of accidents of a painful nature nere at the Hub, but once in a while one occurs which is peculiarly sad. There was one last Sunday, which, in the number drowned and the manner of its happening, had a parallel about two years ago in nearly the same location and on the same day of the week. The latest casualty was, perhaps, more painful in its details, as it resulted in the death of a father, his son and daughter, beside two other children and an adult whom the unfortunate owner of the boat had generously tendered a sail in the harbor. The accident was caused by what is of too frequent occurrence, the jibing of the frail craft and its capsizing. The strange part of it is, that although there are always hundreds of sailing and steam craft in the locality where the accident occurred, but a single boat reached the struggling victims in time to save the two who were rescued.

The Cunard steamship Cephaloma arrived at her dock in East Boston last Saturday evening with 358 steerage passengers, including about Scandinavians and Irish. lews. Among the Jewish immigrants was one named Chatzhel Nodel, who exhibited a wicked looking scar on his left breast. Nodel comes from Kretznitz, Russia. Five weeks ago Russian peasants attempted to sack the town. The Jews hid themselves within their dwellings. To get them out the peasants piled bun dles of straw against the doors, setting fire to them. The Jews remonstrated, and a fight lasting three hours ensued, during which Nodel received a bad gash on his breast from a sickle in the hands of a peasant. With difficulty he escaped and came to this country. None of the steerage passengers were detained, one of the reasons being, it is said, because an American Jew boarded the steamer within a few minutes after the ship reached her dock, and posted his friends as to how to answer the questions of the immigration officers.

The assessors have completed their aluation list, and if they are good judges of property. Boston hotels are of some value. Here is a list which will be interesting to study: Parker House, valued at \$989,000; Young's Hotel, \$831,000; Adams House, \$817. 000; Vendome, \$650,000; Brunswick, \$600,000; Thorndike, \$380,000; Reynolds, \$319.500; American, \$315,000 Revere, \$252,000; Boston Tavern, \$221,500; Clarendon, \$220,000; Flower, \$200,000; Vieth's \$108,000; Crawford, \$103,000; Norfolk, \$76,700; Langham, \$11,500.

His Sea Legs Make Him a Butt. Sailors, like horsemen, have a tendency to become bow-legged, and the peculiarity is not confined to common seamen. An old admiral, whose long sea service had given his legs a decided outward curvature, once had a singular adventure on this account with a ship's pet. The crew of the ship owned a large black spaniel, and took great pains in teaching him to jump. A man, standing up, would put one foot against his other knee, thus making a hole for Nep, the dog, to make his leap through. The dog always jumped through the aperture readily, though if his trainer's legs happened to be short, it was sometimes a rather tight squeeze. One day the admiral came aboard from the flag-ship on a visit of inspection. Happening to walk to the forward part of the ship, be stood there for a few minutes conversing with the officer who had attended him. Here he was spied by the dog. Nep stood a moment surveying the admiral's bow-legs. Suddenly the dog made a rush at the legs, and a mad leap through the tempting gap. In astonishment at the black tornado that had passed beneath him, the admiral whirled quickly about to see what was the cause. dog took this action as a signal for an "encore" and jumped again. Once more the admiral turned, and again the dog jumped. The bewildered face of the admiral and the serious attention of Nep to what he imagined was his business, were too much for the gravity of the bystanders, and, forgetting the respect due to rank, they all roared with laughter. A sailor, however, had enough presence of mind to break from the crowd and catch the dog by the collar. He led him off, and as he did so Nep seemed to wonder why he did not re ceive the praise due to such spirited efforts. The excited admiral got but an imperfect explanation of the affair from the spectators, for they could hardly tell

was a mystery to him. - Argonaut. Opium as Currency.

In parts of the Hankow district opium is used as a medium of exchange, and cator. You see sometimes a the Consul there explains the curious circumstance in this way: Commerce, except along the water routes, is in a primitive condition. The great weight of the copper coinage renders it unsuitable for exchange. Silver, which is used in the small towns, is used in bulk by weight. It is melted into lumps of varying purity and weight. The most generally used vary from sixty-eight to seventy ounces each. The inconvenience of dividing it is a serious drawback to its being used in the country, as is also the difficulty of testing its pureness. The credit of the native bankers is not widely enough established to give an extended currency to their notes. Under these conditions opium is found useful, in addition to pure Sarter, which still prevails to some extent, in facilitating the exchange of commodities. In this respect it has three advantages -it is almost universally in demand, it is light and portable, and it is easily divided into small quantities .- London Times.

A Curious "Circulating Library." Perhaps one of the most unique and remarkable institutions in the world is the "Bone Circulating Library," an attachment of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City. In this room, which is fitted up with shelves. cases, etc., just as any other library room, are hundreds of thousands of human bones of all sizes, shapes and forms. The bones, which are numbered and labelled, are placed in order on the shelves and in the cases, an attendant being always on hand to act in the same capacity as a librarian. It is his duty to keep track of the bones lent; to enter them upon books, and to see that they are returned uninjured. During the day scores of students flock in and out of this uncanny place, carrying packages of strange appearance in their hands or sticking out of their coat pockets. These packages are made up of human bones. which they are returning or taking from this "Bone Circulating Library."-St. Louis Republic.

New Zealand is shipping butter to England.

In a letter to an American friend a French gentleman of some literary note in his own country says that he is learning English by the aid of a small text book and a dictionary without any other instructor, and he adds: "In small time I can learn so many English as I think I will come at the America and to go on

"The death of Oarsman Hamm, at the age of thirty one, should be a warning to young men against excessive muscular development," remarks Once-a- Week. "His lungs were unable to stand the strain put upon them by the over-developed muscular system."

The Philadelphia Press believes in cities controling street railways. This leads the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette to say that the idea of governmental control, whether municipal, State or National, of railroads and telegraphs is gaining ground,

REV. DR. TALMAGE.

THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUN-DAY SERMON.

SUBJECT: "GLEANERS IN LIFE'S FIELD." (PREACHED AT GLENWOOD, COL.)

TEXT: "And she went and came and gleaned in the field after the veapers; and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech."—Ruth ii., 3.

Within a few weeks I have been in North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Canada, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and they are one great harvest field, and no season can be

more enchanting in any country than the scason of barvest.

The time that Ruth and Naomi arrive at Bethlehem is harvest time. It was the old custom when a sheaf fell from a load in the harvest field for the rearers to refuse to gather it up; that was to be left for the poor who might happen to come that way. If there were handfuls of grain scattered across the field after the main harvest had liven reason instead of main harvest had been reaped, instead of raking it, as farmers do now it was by the custom of the land, left in its place, so that the poor coming along that way might glean it and get their bread. But, you say, "What is the use of all these harvest fields to Ruth and Naomi? Naomi is too old and feeble to go out and toil in the sun; and can you expect that Ruth, the young and the beautiful, should tan her cheeks and blister

er hands in the harvest field?"
Boaz owns a large farm, and he goes out to see the reapers gather in the grain. Coming there, right behind the swarthy sun-browned reapers, he beholds a beautiful woman gleaning-a woman more fit to bend to a harp or sit upon a throne than to sloop among the sheaves. Ah, that was an event

It was love at first sight. Boaz forms an attachment for the woman'y gleaner-an attachment full of undying interest to the Church of God in all ages; while Ruth, with an ophah, or nearly a bushel of bar-ley, goes home to Naomi to tell her the successes and adventures of the day. That Ruth, who left her native land of Moab in darkness and journeyed through an un-dying affection for her mother-in law, is in the harvest field of Bosz, is affiance; to one of the best families in Judah, and becomes in after time the ancestress of Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glery! Out of so dark a night did there ever dawn so bright a morning? I learn in the first place from this subject how trouble develops character. It was bereavement, poverty and exile that developed, iliustrated and announced to all ages the sub-limity of Ruth's character. That is a very unfortunate man who has no trouble. It was sorrow that made John Bunyan the better dreamer, and Dr. Young the better poet, and O'Connell the better orator, and Bishop Hall the better preacher, and Have-lock the better soldier, and Kitto the better encyclopedist, and Ruth the better daughter-

pastor, who was a very brilliant man. "Why is it that your pastor, so very brilliant, seems to have so little tenderness in his sermons?" "Well," he replied, "the reason is our pastor has never had any trouble. When misfortune comes upon him his style will be different." After awhile the Lord took a him that his legs had been used as a kind of circus-hoop by a forecastle dog. Perhaps to his dying day the occurrence child out of that pastor's house, and though the preacher was just as brilliant as he was before, oh, the warmth, the tender-ness of his discourses. The fact is ness of his discourses; The fact is that trouble is a great edudown at an instrument, and his execution is cold and formal and unfeeling. The resis cold and formal and unfeeling. The reason is that all his life he has been prospered. But let misfortune or bereavement come to that man, and he si a down at the instru-ment, and you discover the pathos in the first

sweep of the keys. Misfortune and trials are great educators.

A young doctor comes into a cick room where there is a dying child. Perhaps he is very rough in his prescription, and very rough in his manner, and rough in the feeling of the pulse, and rough in his answer to the mother's anxious question, but the years roll on and there has been one dead in his own house, and now he comes into the sick room, and with tranful eye he looks at the dying child and he says. how this reminds me of my Charlie! Trouble, the great educator! Sorrowsee its touch in the grandest painting; hear its tremor in the sweetest song: I feel

its power in the mightiest argument Greciar mythology said that the tion of Hippocrens was struck out by the foot of the winged horse, Fegasus. I have often noticed in life that the brightest and most beautiful fountains of Christian comfort and spiritual life have been struck out by the iron shod hoof of disaster and calamity. I see Daniel's courage best by the flash of Nebuchadnezzar's furnace. I see Paul's prowess best when I find him on the foundering ship under the glare of the lightning in the breakers of Melita. God crowns His children amid the howling of wild beasts and the chopping of blood splashed guillotine and the cracking fires of martyrdom It took all our past national distresses, and it takes all our present national sor

rows to lift up our lation on that high career where I will march along after the breign despotisms that have mocked and tyrannies that have jeered shall be of down under the omnipotent wrat. swept down under the omnipotent wrat of God, who hates oppression, and who, by the strength of His own red right arm, will make all men free. And so it is individually, and in the family, and in the charch, and in the world, that through darkness and storm and trouble men, women, churches, nations,

Agaio, I see in my text the beauty of un-faltering friendship. I suppose there were plenty of friends for Naomi while she was in prosperity. But of all her acquaint-ances, how many were willing to wudge off with her toward Judea, when she had to make that lends journay? One—the to make that lonely journey? One—the heroine of my text. One—absolutely one. heroine of my text. One—absolutely one, I suppose when Naomi's husband was living, and they had pienty of money, and all things went well, they had a great many callers. But I suppose that after her husband died, and her property went, and she got old and poor, she was not troubled very much with callers. All the birds that saug in the bower while the sun shone have gone to their nests, now the night has fallen. In this world, so full of heartlessness and

hypocrisy, how thrilling it is to find some friend as faithful in days of adversity as in days of prosperity! David had such a friend in Hushai; the Jews had such a friend in Mordecal, who never forgot their cause; Paul had such a friend in Onrsiph orus, who visited him in jail; Christ had such in the Marys, who adnered to Him on the cross; Naomi had such a one in Ruth, who cried out, "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God; where thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried; the Lord do so to me and more also, if aught

Again, I learn from this subject that paths which open in hardship and darkness often come out in places of joy. When Ruth started from stoad toward agrusalem. to go along with her mother-in-law, I suppose the people said: "Oh, what a foolish creature to go away from her father's horse, to go off with a poor old woman toward the land of Judea! They won't live to get across the desert. They will be drowned in the sea, or the jackals of the be drowned in the sea, or the jackais of the wilderness will destroy them." It was a very dark morning when Ruth started off with Naomi; but behold her in my text in the narvest field of Boaz, to be affianced to one of the lords of the land, and become one one of the form of the land, and become one of the grandunothers of Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. And so it often is that a path which starts very darkly ends very brightly.

It was very hard for Noah to endure the

ecoffing of the people in his day, while he was trying to build the ark, and was every

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will receive py W. H. BISHOP, Island Pond, Vt. norning quizzed about his old boat that would never be of any practical use. But would never be of any practical use. But when the deluge came, and the tops of the mountains disappeared like the backs of sea mousters, and the elements, lashed up in fury, clapped their hands over a drowned world, then Noah in the ark rejoiced in his own safety and in the safety of his family, and looked out on the week of a ruined

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and looked out on the wreck of a ruined earth.

Christ, hounded of persecutors, denied a pillow, worse maltreated than the taleves on either side of the cross, human hate smacking its lips in satisfaction after it had been draining His last drop of blood, the sheeted dead bursting from the sepathers at His crucifixion. Tell me, O Getheemane and Golgotha! were there ever darker times than those? Like the booming of the mid-night sea against the rock, the surges of Christ's anguish beat against the gates of eternity, to be echoed back by all the thrones of heaven and all the dungeons of heli.

But the day of reward comes from Christ; all the pomp and dominion of this world are to be bung on His throne, uncrowned heads are to bow before Him on whose head there are many crowns, and all the existial wor-ship is to come up at His feet like the hum-ming of the forest, like the rushing of the waters, like the thundering of the seas, while all heaven, rising on their thrones, beat time with their scopters: "Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

Again, I learn from my subject that events which seem to be most insignificant may be momentous. Can you imagine anything more unimportant than the coming of a poor woman from Mosb to Judea? Can you imagine anything more trivial than the fact that this Ruth just happened to alight—as they say—just happened to alight on that field of Boaz? Yet all ages, all generations, have an interest in all ages, all generations, have an interest in the fact that she was to become an ancestress of the Lord Jesus Christ, and all nations and kingdoms must look at that one little ince dent with a thrill of unspeakable and eternal satisfaction. So it is in your history and in m ne; events that you thought of no impor-

m ne, events that you thought of no importance at all have been of very great moment. That casual conversation, that accidental meeting—you did not think of it
again for a long while; but how it changed
all the current of your lite!

It seemed to be of no importance that
Jubal invented rude instruments of music,
calling them harp and organ, but they
were the introduction of all the world's minstreisy. And as you hear the vibration of
a stringed instrument, even after the finger:
have been taken away from it, so all music
now of lute and drum and cornet is
only the long continued strains of
Jubal's harp and Jubal's organ. It seemed
to be a matter of very little importance that
Tubal Cain learned the uses of copper and Tubal Cain learned the uses of copper and iron, but that rude foundry of ancient days has its echo in the rattle of Birmingham ma-

chinery and the roar and bang of factories on the Merrimac.

Again, I see in my subject an illustration of the beauty of female industry. Behold Ruth toiling in the harvest field under the hot sun, or at noon taking plain bread with the resures or eating the revolutions. the reapers, or eating the parched corn which Boaz handed to her. The customs of society of course have changed, and without the hardships and exposure to which Ruth was subjected, every intelligent woman will find something to do. I know there is a sackly sentimentality on this subject. In some families there are persons of no practical service to the house hold or community, and though there are so many wees all around about them in the world they spend their time lanquishing over a new pattern or bursting into tears at midnight over the story of some lover who shot himself! They would not deign to look at Rath carrying back the barley on her way home to her mother-in-law, Naomi, Madame de Stael did a world of work in her time; and one day, while she way

her timer and one day esated amid instruments of music, all of which she had mastered, and amid manuscript books which she had written some one said to her, "How do you find time to attend to all of these things?" "Oh," she replied, 'these are not the things I am proud of. My chief boast is in the fact that I have seventeen trades, by any one of which I could make a livelihood if neces which I could make a livelihood if neces-sary." And if in secular spheres there is so much to be done, in spiritual work how vast the field! How many dying all around about us without one word of comfort! We want more Abigails, more Hannahs, more Rebeccas, more Marys, more Doborahs onsecrated-body, mind, soul-to the Lord who bought them.
Once more I learn from my subject the

value of gleaning. Ruth going into that harvest field might have said. There is a straw and there is a straw, but what is a straw? I can't get any barley for myself or my mother-in-law out of these separate straws." Not so said beautiful Ruth. She cathered two straws and she put them to-gether, and more straws until she gol mough to make a sheaf. Putting that down she went and gathered more straws until she had another sheaf, and another and auother and another, and then she brought them altogether and she threshed them out, and she had an ephah of barley, nigh a Oh, that we all might be gleaners Elihu Burritt learned many things while the world renowned philosopaer, was a phy sician in Scotland, and negot his philosophy, or the chief part of it, while as a physician he was waiting for the door of the sick room to open. Yet how many there are in this day who say they are so busy they have no time for mental or spiritual improvement; the great duties of life cross the field like draws room to the field like draws the field like draws to the field like draws the field field like strong reapers and carry off all the hours, and here and there a fragment left that is not worth gleaning. Ah, my friends, you could go into the busiest day and busiest week of your life and find golden opportunities, which gathered might at last make a whole sheaf for the Lord's garner. It is the stray opportunities and the stray privileges which

opportunities and the stray privileges which taken up and bound together and beaten out will at last fill you with much joy.

There are a few moments left worth the gleaning. Now, Ruth, to the field! May such one have a measure full and running over! Oh, you gleaners to the field! And if there be in your household an aged or a sick relative that is not strong enough to come forth and toil in the field, then let Ruth take home to feeble Naomi this sheaf of gleaning. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing procious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." May the Lord Gol of Dath and Naomi the control of the control Ruth and Naomi be our portion forever!

A WONDERFUL HERITAGE.

The more a man is buffeted and wounded disappointed and humilisted, wronged and persecuted in this life, the more be comes to fall back upon the sovereign power of God God is just, loving, omniscient and almighty. The reins of the world never slip nor slacken in His hand. He is never mistaken, never forgetful nor negligent, never defeated and nothing eventuates contrary to his will. Though He tolerates wrongs temporarily, He will right them. Though He permits suffering. He sees clearly the path along which it will find culmination in peace

God is as good as He is strong, benevo ent as He is wise, true as He is great. We can trust in Him, rest in Him, and we can ussure ourselves that all that there is of Him in power, wisdom, love, is ours. The weakest of us is in Him stronger than all the powers of time, circumstance, or enemies that may be arrayed against us. God is our Father, and no earthly father's love is so pure and true as His love. But for sufferug and danger and disaster we should never know how wondrous a heritage we have in

Russia has made large purchases of corn, and the Government is storing large quanti-ties of grain supplies. The rise of prices in cereals in Germany is partly due to Russian

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